किया गया है तथा दो गिरफ्तारियां की गई हैं। बिहार से उन्हें को विस्फोटकों की आपूर्ति करने के बारे में कोई पुष्ट सूचना नहीं मिली है। बिहार सरकार द्वारा लिट्टे अथवा पंजाब के उग्रवादियों को विस्फोटकों की आपूर्ति करने संबंधी किसी मामलें के बारे में बिहार सरकार द्वारा नहीं बताया गया है। तथापि इस बात को रोकने के लिए संबंधित राज्य सरकारों द्वारा लगातार निगरानी रखी जा रही है कि विस्फोटक आदि उग्रवादियों के हाथ न लगने पाएं।

Offer from M/s. Hyundai Corporatoin, South Korea for the Development of Paradip Port

*230. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the offer of M/s. Hyundai Corporation, South Korea for development of Paradip Port is under the consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal received; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for early implementation of that proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal is to construct an ore berth, dredging the port to provide a draft of —17m and also to have associated mechanical loading system.

(c) Pending the decision regarding source of funding and finalisation of the 8th Five Year Plan, no decision can be taken.

Delivery of Post in Multistoreyed Buildings

*231. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken a decision that postmen will no longer deliver the ordinary post in multistoreyed buildings unless mail boxes are kept at ground floors for delivery;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware of the widespread resentment against this decision: and

(c) what are the details including the names of the cities so chosen and the reasons for such a decision and whether this practice is likely to be extended to other cities in the country in phases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The mail Delivery Order, 1991 dated May, 29, 1991 which will come into effect on 1st Nov., 1991 requires all addresses other than those on the ground floor, in storeyed buildings, to provide Mail Box for delivery of ordinary mail addressed to them.

The order is applicable to all places in the country uniformily from the same date, but the thrust of attention for implementing the Order will be on A & B Class of cities to start with. The Order gives authority to the Postmaster-General to defer enforcement of the Order at any place beyond the designated date.

The Order envisages delivery of all ordinary mail except parcel for such addresses to Mail Box. Receipted mail and parcel will continue to be delivered as before.

This Order became necessary as storeyed buildings are increasing in number and, on the one hand, postmen find it severely fatiguing to move up and down the floors, and, on the other, storeyed buildings delay in delivery further down the beat.

(c) There is no indication of widespread resentment. On the contrary, there haa been spentaneous co-operation from many people. There has been, however, some criticism also but the same is not tenable as the measure does not impose any severe burden on such addresses. The Mail Box is not very ex-

pensive or difficult to provide and there is reasonable time for doing so.

Conversion of Manual Telephone Exchanges into Electronic Exchanges in Maharashtra

*232. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to convert the manual telephone exchanges into electronic exchanges in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Out of 207 total manual telephone exchanges, 31 are planned for replacement by Electronic Exchanges during 1991-92.

(i) One Electromechanical telephone exchange is already under installation at Parli Vaijanath.

(ii) The remaining 175 Manual Telephone exchanges have been planned for replacement by Electronic Exchanges progressively during 1992—95.

पंजाबी विश्वविद्यालय पटियाला में छापे

*233. श्री राम सरेश यादव : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पंजाबी विश्वविद्यालय, पटियाला में गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान पुलिस ने कितने छापे मारे और उनके फलस्वरूप कितने लोगों को गिरफ्तार किया गया;

(ख) गत दो वर्षों में आतंकवादियों द्वारा कितने लोगों की हत्या की गई तथा विरोधस्वरूप विश्वविद्यालय कितनी बार बन्द किया गया; और

(ग) आतंकवाद से निपटने के लिए पुलिस को उक्त विश्वविद्यालय के उपकुलपति से किस सीमा तक सहयोग प्राप्त हुआ ?

गृह मंत्री (श्री एस० बी० चव्हाण) : (क) पंजाब सरकार से प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार संबद्ध अवधि के दौरान 30 छापे मारे गए और 25 व्यक्तियों को गिरफ्तार किया गया।

(ख) 1-9-89 तथा 31-8-91 के दौरान जिला पटियाला में 172 व्यक्ति मारे गए और दस अवसरों पर विश्वविद्यालय बन्द रहा।

(ग) आवश्यक कारेवाई करने के लिए पुलिस ने समय-समय पर विश्वविद्यालय में प्रवेश किया।

Dialogue with Soviet Leaders

*234. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to hold dialogue at political level with leadership of the Soviet Union if so, by when it is proposed to be done;

(b) whether Government also propose to renew its invitation to the Soviet Foreign Minister to visit India and when the visit is likely to take place; and

(c) what are the immediate problems between the two countries that are likely to be discussed and sorted out?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The tradition of regular political dialogue between India and USSR is well established. Recently Prime Minister and President Gorbachev exchanged messages. Details of further contacts at political level will be decided upon through normal diplomatic channels.

(c) The constitutional changes envisaged in the decisions recently approved by the Congress of People's